

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ELECTROPLATING COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ELECTROPLATING, the specification of which

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, and as amended under PCT Articles 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- ☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- ☐ with amendments through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. If this is a continuation-in-part application filed under the conditions specified in 35 U.S.C. § 120 which discloses claims and subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the prior copending application, I further acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the applications(s) on which priority is claimed:

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Claim Priority?	
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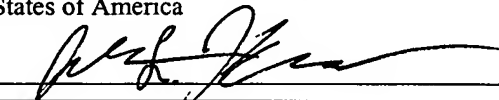
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re application of:**

John L. Klocke and Linlin Chen

**Application No. —**

**Filed:** Herewith

**Confirmation No.**

**For:** ELECTROPLATING COMPOSITIONS  
AND METHODS FOR ELECTROPLATING

**Examiner:** Not yet assigned

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CERTIFICATE BY ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

SEMITOOL, INC., the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application by Assignment attached hereto, hereby appoints the attorneys and agents of the firm of KLARQUIST SPARKMAN, LLP, listed as follows:

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KLARQUIST, Kenneth S.	16,445	WINN, Garth A.	33,220
KLITZKE II, Ramon A.	30,188	YOUNG, Travis	53,819
LEIGH, James S.	20,434	ZASTROW, Devon J.	50,206

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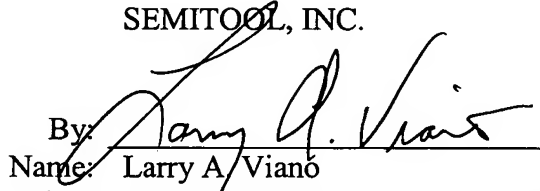
The Assignee certifies that the above-identified Assignment has been reviewed and to the best of Assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee, and a copy of the Assignment is submitted herewith.

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SEMITOOL, INC.

Date: 9/29/03

By:   
Name: Larry A. Viano  
Title: Secretary and Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: Copy of Assignment

## A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, John L. Klocke, of <sup>Kalispell JK</sup>~~Whitefish~~, County of Flathead, State of Montana, and Linlin Chen, of Plano, County of Collin, State of Texas, have invented a certain invention, entitled ELECTROPLATING COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ELECTROPLATING, for which we are making application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application being filed concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, Semitool, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Montana, having a place of business at 655 West Reserve Drive, Kalispell, Montana 59901, desires to acquire an interest therein:

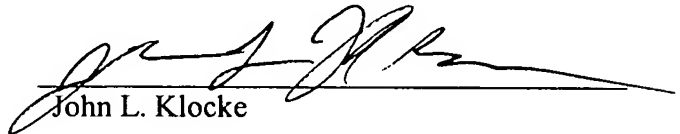
NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, John L. Klocke and Linlin Chen, hereby sell, assign and transfer to Semitool, Inc., the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and patent rights throughout the world, including foreign patent priority rights, the right to file and prosecute International Applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and the right to file and prosecute applications under the European Patent Convention; said invention, application and letters patent in this or any foreign country, and all divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof, to be held and enjoyed by Semitool, Inc., for its own use and benefit, and for its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which letters patent may be granted in this or any foreign country, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made, and covenant that we have full right so to do, and agree that we will communicate to Semitool, Inc., or its successors and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and do everything

possible to aid Semitool, Inc., its successors and assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in this or any foreign country.

We hereby grant the law firm of Klarquist Sparkman, LLP, the power to insert on this Assignment any further information which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with all applicable legal requirements, including the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, for submitting and recording this document.

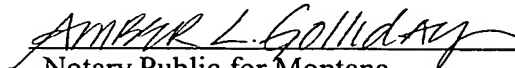
Executed at the place and date opposite our respective signatures below.

At Kalispell, MT  
(City and State)  
on this 26 day of September, 2003.

  
John L. Klocke

STATE OF MONTANA            )  
  )  
COUNTY OF Flathead        )    ss.

This 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2003, before me personally came the above-named John L. Klocke, who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes set forth therein.

  
Notary Public for Montana  
My commission expires: 6/16/2007

[SEAL]



\_\_\_\_\_  
Linlin Chen

At \_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State)  
on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

STATE OF TEXAS                    )  
  )   ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, before me personally came the above-named Linlin Chen, who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes set forth therein.

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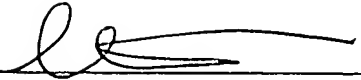
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Notary Public for Montana

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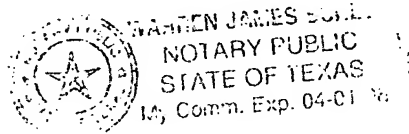
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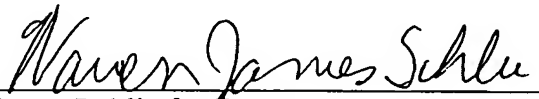
At Plano, TX  
(City and State)  
on this 11 day of Oct, 2003.

STATE OF TEXAS                    )  
  )   ss.  
COUNTY OF Collin            )

This 11 day of October, 2003, before me personally came the above-named Linlin Chen, who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes set forth therein.



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